HONORARY MEMBER and FARADAY MEDALLIST

As announced in last month's *Electronics & Power*, the Council of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, at their meeting on the 4th March, elected to Honorary Membership, Lord Mountbatten of Burma, for his distinguished services to the United Kingdom and Commonwealth in war and peace, and for his contributions to the progress of electrical and electronic science and engineering. At the same time, the Council made the 43rd award of the Faraday Medal to Dr. Vladimir K. Zworykin, for his notable scientific and industrial achievements, including the invention of the iconoscope, and for his important role in medical electronics.

Lord Mountbatten of Burma

Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, K.G., P.C., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., D.S.O., Chief of the Defence Staff, was born at Windsor Castle in 1900. He joined the Royal Navy in 1913 and, after service in the First World War, went up to Christ's College, Cambridge, for a shortened post-war course.

During his early naval career, Lord Mountbatten specialised in wireless, was inventor of various devices adopted by the Royal Navy, and wrote two handbooks for the Navy on wireless telegraphy. He has retained his interest in this and related subjects, and in July 1964 became chairman of the newly formed National Electronics Research Council.

At the outbreak of the Second World War he was a captain in command of the 5th Destroyer Flotilla, and later served as Chief of Combined Operations, when he helped to plan the big invasions of the war in North Africa and France. In 1943 he was appointed the first Supreme Allied Commander, South-East Asia.

Lord Mountbatten was appointed the last Viceroy of India in 1947, and after the transfer of power in India in 1948 became its first Governor-General. In 1955 he was appointed First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff, the highest service appointment in the Royal Navy. He was appointed to his present post of Chief of the Defence Staff in 1959.

Vladimir K. Zworykin

Dr. Vladimir K. Zworykin, who is Honorary Vice-President of the Radio Corporation of America, was born in Murom, Russia, in 1889. He went to the United States in 1919 and was naturalised in 1924. He received the E.E. degree from the Petrograd Institute of Technology in 1912, was a student at the Collège de France, Paris, from 1912 to 1914, and holds the degrees of Ph.D. (University of Pittsburgh, 1926) and D.Sc. (Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, 1938).

After research work with Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing Company, Dr. Zworykin was, from 1929 to 1942, director of electronics research at the RCA Manufacturing Company. Since 1942 he has been associated with the RCA Laboratories, as associate research director (1942–45), director of electronics research (1946–54), vice-president and technical consultant (1947–54) and honorary vice-president and consultant (1954). Dr. Zworykin has consistently advocated, with marked success, a closer interrelationship between the medical and electronics fields.

Dr. Zworykin is a member of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, a member of the French Academy of Sciences, and an honorary member of the Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers.